

Recommended Projects to Receive
2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Allocation
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Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most.

The stated purpose of the JAG program is to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety. County Management requested that previous recipients of LLEBG and Byrne Funds meet and determine which projects would be continued with the JAG funding. Adult Probation, County Attorney's Office, Juvenile Probation, and the Sheriff's Office met and decided that the following programs would be recommended for continued funding.

On-Call Work Crew Leaders **Adult Probation** **\$16,442.87**

Each month the Community Restitution Program initiates, coordinates and supervises over 400 work projects for adult offenders across Maricopa County. The Community Restitution Program employs on-call weekend work crew leaders to oversee probationer activity at assigned work projects. The leaders provide assignments, direction and supervision to probationers while they perform their Court-ordered restitution hours.

Gun Prosecution **County Attorney's Office** **\$90,280.63**

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office has experienced continual increases in firearms-related crime in Maricopa County. In Maricopa County alone, the number of violence related submittals for prosecution in 2007 was over 2,800. These were crimes involving allegations of dangerousness where significant violence or deadly force was used or threatened during the commission of a crime. During the first three months of 2008, the number of violent crime submittals reported was 616. As violent crime generally increases during the summer months, MCAO will certainly receive over 3,000 violent crime submittals during 2008. Prosecution of criminal offenders is the County Attorney's top mandate. Many of the deadly weapon crimes are committed by the most dangerous criminals and require the attention of the most experienced prosecutors. Additionally, a very high percentage of these cases go to trial. Through the assignment of one prosecutor, the County Attorney will be able to focus attention on dangerous crime and close firearm-related cases in shorter timeframes. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will also continue to work cooperatively with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Phoenix Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) to achieve a reduction in violent firearm crime.

Juvenile Electronic Monitoring **Juvenile Probation** **\$79,311.96**

Since inception of the Justice Assistance Grant (previously the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant LLEBG), part of the County's allocation has funded electronic monitoring for juvenile offenders. This successful program allows home-detention of reduced-risk juvenile offenders with monitoring to ensure compliance and the capability for immediate responses if violations occur. Utilizing technology to assist with supervised home-detention within the community enables the department to reserve the limited number of secure detention beds for higher-risk offenders. This program provides funding for the costs associated with electronic monitoring bracelets, communications equipment and vendor monitoring services.

<u>Parcel Interdiction</u>	<u>Sheriff's Office</u>	<u>\$21,318.26</u>
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The Parcel Interdiction Team aggressively seeks to identify parcels and shipments containing narcotics or currency related to the trafficking of illicit drugs into and out of Maricopa County. In addition, the Team focuses on identifying the criminal organizations behind these shipments. The Team educates owners and employees of private mailbox companies on the indicators and methods used by illicit drug shippers. This education and cooperation has led to many seizures and arrests. Grant funding will be used to fund overtime.

<u>MCNNET</u>	<u>Sheriff's Office</u>	<u>\$76,313.84</u>
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The Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET) combines the resources of individual agencies in western Maricopa County to confront the increasing narcotic activities in these communities, as well as in unincorporated areas. Standing alone, these agencies lack sufficient resources to address and impact the problem. As aggressive enforcement targeting narcotics and methamphetamine in the metropolitan Phoenix area continues, the proliferation of activity into the surrounding communities is expected to increase. Outlying areas have become havens for those criminals involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine and in narcotics transactions who are escaping the heightened law enforcement pressure from the metropolitan area. Narcotics traffickers have spread and have since established a presence in western Maricopa County communities, which are now experiencing the violence and other criminal activities plaguing the inner cities.

<u>Mobile Data System Communications</u>	<u>City of Glendale</u>	<u>\$23,503.34</u>
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The Mobile Data System Communications grant allows the Police Department to enhance system speed, capacity and storage of the police department's mobile data system. Information being transmitted to the field is critical to field units and connecting to infrastructure is required to ensure 24/7 operations. The police department will connect additional field equipment to previously funded equipment & systems which consisted of a blade server chassis and blade servers. Officers will be able to more effectively communicate with the police department via the data system and not have to be as reliant on voice communications as they are now. Often information can be transmitted in a more efficient and secure manner via a data system than via a voice system.

<u>Fusion Center</u>	<u>City of Mesa – Police Dept.</u>	<u>\$46,536.60</u>
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This project will purchase five Smartboards for use in the multi-agency East Valley Gang Fusion Center. The project will also purchase the software program to be added to the Coplink system for exporting police records data to the FBI N-DEx system. Mesa is operating the East Region node of the AZ Link regional data sharing system, which currently includes the police agencies from the City of Chandler, City of Mesa, City of Scottsdale, City of Tempe, and the Town of Gilbert.

<u>Fusion Center Time Critical Communication Project</u>	<u>City of Tempe</u>	<u>\$23,268.30</u>
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The Tempe Police Department is a member agency of the East Valley Gang and Criminal Information Fusion Center (Fusion Center). East Valley law enforcement agencies in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area (Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale, Chandler and Gilbert) partnered to create the Fusion Center. The purpose of the Fusion Center is to collect, analyze and disseminate criminal intelligence information across the East Valley, assist in the identification of active crime trends, and assist with in-progress investigations. The Tempe Police Department will utilize funding to purchase Smartboards, Sympodiums and computers, to facilitate information sharing with Fusion Center member agencies. Utilization of Smartboards and Sympodiums (and a computer for each) allow for real-time, joint, intra-agency and inter-agency briefings. The connectivity between the agencies will set a national model for others to follow.

<u>Forensic Analysis</u>	<u>Phoenix Police Dept</u>	<u>\$120,849.74</u>
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The Controlled Substances Section is responsible for analyzing all of the suspected drug evidence that is confiscated by the Phoenix Police Department Officers. These analyses are performed by the section's eight Forensic Scientists. This request is for the funding of a Forensic Scientist's wages. In addition to performing analyses Forensic Scientists may:

- Ensure compliance with safety rules and regulations;
- Conduct technical and/or administrative reviews on scientific reports;
- Attain and maintain proficiency in conjunction with ASCLD/LAB and/or applicable national standards;
- Prepare and conduct quality control testing on reagents and supplies;
- Prepare findings for court presentation, depositions, and interviews; interpret complex scientific-legal questions; and provide expert testimony.

<u>BRAVE</u>	<u>Phoenix Parks & Recreation Dept.</u>	<u>\$80,808.50</u>
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Project BRAVE (Bringing Reality About Violence Education) is a violence prevention program facilitated through the Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department. The program's goals consist of increasing education and awareness concerning violence in the community and providing program participants with positive alternatives to violent behavior.